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Pension Application of William Boydston S3041

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Cocke County }
State of Tennessee } On this 27th day of May 1833

Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions for the County aforesaid William Boydston a resident citizen of Cocke County and after first being duly sworn made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. that he is aged Eighty years was born in Frederick County State of Maryland, on the 24th of March 1753 according to the family record which he now has in his possession. That his father emigrated to Hampshire County State of Virginia when he was but small, where he was principally raised, and again removed into Montgomery County Virginia where he resided until 1776 when the Shawnee & Cherokee Indians were in hostility & depredating upon the settlements, when in the spring of the year in April as well as now recollected he volunteered himself in the Militia of Montgomery County to go against said Indians – enrolled himself under, Cap'n [Joseph] Cloyd (who was ordered out by Col [William] Preston) and the militia so volunteered were commanded by Col Robison [sic: James Robertson] & marched to Culversens bottoms [sic: Culbertson's Bottom in present Giles County] on New River, & from thence to Guyandott [sic: probably Guyandotte River in present West Virginia] & ranged that country, but the Indians had such acquaintance with the country that they evaded the force under Col. Robisen & retreated. That after being out on that tour three months he obtained a discharge from Captain Cloyd and returned home.

Again in June 1777 declarant volunteered under Captain [Henry] Patton to go on an expedition against the Shawnee Indians and enrolled under said Patton at Fort Chissel [sic: Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] and under him marched to Blackamore Station on Clinch River [at present Fort Blackmore] & there was kept at Fort & in scouting the country until the month of November following Knox had command at s'd. fort Said tour of duty was, from early in June until some time in November being at least five months and was discharged by Cap'n Patton.

Again in 1780 he removed from Virginia to Washington County North Carolina, then a frontier, and settled upon the Nolichucky when in the month of October he was drafted for a three months tour, and put under Cap'n Dougherty and was marched through the chain of Mountains through the greasy cove and Walnut mountains &c to Santee to join G'l Marion [Francis Marion in South Carolina] & there joined G'l Marion & was under his command until the expiration of his term of time which was three months and was discharged & returned home, being three months in actual service.

Again in the return home of the men from the south, declarant was in the Spring of 1781 volunteered under Col. Seviars [John Sevier's] command in Captain Allesons company to go against the Cherokee Indians and marched to the Wateau [Watauga?] and after dispersing them returned home having served at that time three months for which he obtained a discharge from Cap'n. Alison. In which four several tours as set forth he served fourteen months, for which he claims a pension or annuity. – tho he does not wish to be understood that that embraces his whole servitude, but only such part as he can distinctly now recall to memory as to date & officers. That he has lost, in the lapse of time all his discharges, knows of no one by whom he can establish the actual service nor has he any documentary evidence. that [blank] & [blank] are citizens of his vicinity known to him & he to them and by whom he can establish reputation of his service, there being no resident minister of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 27th May 1833 [signed] William Boydston